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Title:	EPOXIDE POLYMER SURFACES		

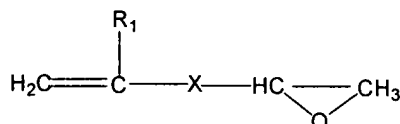
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

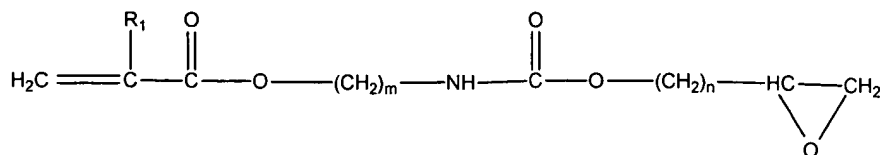
In response to the Office Action mailed on 15 June 2001, Applicants elect Group I for prosecution on the merits. Group I relates to a reagent composition. Applicants elect an acrylic polymer backbone as the generic core structure species.

The general structure of the elected species is that defined in claim 3 by the formula:

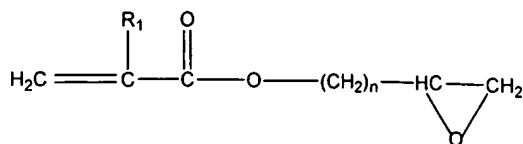


where R₁ is H or CH₃ and X is a noninterfering radical.

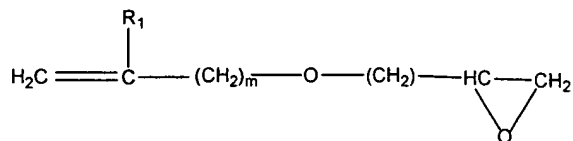
Suitable subspecies include compounds defined in claim 3 with the following structures:



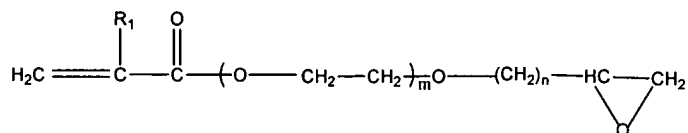
where m=2 to 6, n=1 to 10, and R₁ is H or CH₃;



where $n=1$ to 10 and R_1 is H or CH_3 ;

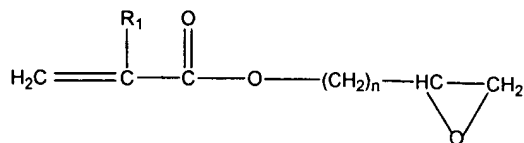


where $m=0$ or 1 and R_1 is H or CH_3 ; and



where $m=1$ to 20 , $n=1$ to 10 , and R_1 is H or CH_3 .

Further, Applicants elect the subspecies of formula:



where R_1 is H or CH_3 and $n = 1-10$.

The elected species read on claims 1-10. Prompt prosecution on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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